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The meeting was called to order at 3.20 p.m.

Agenda item 19: Sustainable development (*continued*)

Draft resolution entitled "Protection of coral reefs for sustainable livelihoods and development" (A/C.2/66/L.38/Rev.1)

1. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.38/Rev.1, submitted by Australia on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

2. **Ms. Lin** (Australia) said that the draft resolution, originally submitted on behalf of the Pacific States, had met with a broad consensus. She announced that the following countries wished to join the list of sponsors: Antigua and Barbuda, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Comoros, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tuvalu, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Viet Nam.

3. *Draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.38/Rev.1 was adopted.*

4. **Mr. Altmörs** (Turkey) said that Turkey had joined the consensus because of the important issues raised by the draft resolution. While recognizing the vital importance of coral reefs and related ecosystems for the sustainable livelihoods and development of small island States, Turkey wished, however, to dissociate itself from references made in the draft resolution to international instruments to which it was not a party.

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (*continued*)

Draft decision entitled "Contribution of the ninth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development" (A/C.2/66/L.52)

5. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft decision A/C.2/66/L.52, submitted by the Bureau of the Committee. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

6. *Draft decision A/C.2/66/L.52 was adopted.*

Draft decision entitled "Arrangements for accreditation and participation in the preparatory process and in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development of relevant non-governmental organizations and other major groups" (A/C.2/66/L.53)

7. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft decision A/C.2/66/L.53, submitted by the Bureau of the Committee. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

8. *Draft decision A/C.2/66/L.53 was adopted.*

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind (*continued*)

Draft resolutions entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind" (A/C.2/66/L.28 and A/C.2/66/L.58)

9. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.58, submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.28.

10. **Ms. De Laurentis** (Secretary of the Committee) noted that in paragraph 6 bis of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.58, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to make provision for the sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its subsidiary bodies in his proposal for the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013. Accordingly, those had been included in the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2012 and 2013 in document A/66/32, annex II, as items 118, 122, 214 and 250. She recalled that a statement of programme budget implications had been submitted by the Secretary-General in document A/C.5/58/32 on former draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.14/Rev.1, in which the General Assembly

had requested the Secretary-General to make provision for the sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and its subsidiary bodies in his proposal for the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005; the General Assembly had formally adopted that draft resolution as resolution 58/243 and thus approved the resources required in the biennium 2004-2005. Thereafter, in the 2006-2007, 2008-2009 and 2010-2011 bienniums, resources required for conference services for the sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies had been considered as recurrent activities and had been included under the proposed programme budgets for the respective biennium. Those requirements had been included once again under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs and conference management, and section 29E, Administration, Geneva, in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

11. Given that the headquarters of the Convention was in Bonn, Germany, the resources requested in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 included estimated travel costs to Bonn. For cases when meetings were held outside Bonn, the substantive secretariat was required to cover the incremental travel costs, if any. Furthermore, any additional meetings that were not included in the 2012-2013 calendar would be funded through extra-budgetary resources. Those arrangements had been in place since 2004, following the adoption of General Assembly resolution 58/243.

12. Accordingly, the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.58 would not entail any additional requirements for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 on the understanding that the substantive secretariat would cover the incremental travel costs if the meetings were held outside Bonn, and that any additional meetings that were not included in the 2012-2013 calendar would be funded through extra-budgetary resources.

13. **Ms. Nemroff** (United States of America) said that the United States supported the objectives of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and would continue to do so through its voluntary contributions. Climate change was a global challenge that demanded a global solution, which would entail the pursuit of sustainable economic development with low-carbon economies. Her delegation was pleased to join consensus on the draft resolution, but reaffirmed the principle that the United Nations regular budget should not be used to subsidize independent and self-sustaining treaty bodies and conventions such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

14. *Draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.58 was adopted.*

15. *Draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.28 was withdrawn.*

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity (*continued*)

Draft resolutions entitled "Convention on Biological Diversity" (A/C.2/66/L.29 and A/C.2/66/L.55)

16. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.55, submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.29.

17. *Draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.55 was adopted.*

18. *Draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.29 was withdrawn.*

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-sixth session (*continued*)

Draft resolutions entitled "Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-sixth session" (A/C.2/66/L.45 and A/C.2/66/L.57)

19. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.57, submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.45.

20. *Draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.57 was adopted.*

21. *Draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.45 was withdrawn.*

(i) Sustainable mountain development (*continued*)

Draft resolution entitled "Sustainable mountain development" (A/C.2/66/L.33/Rev.1)

22. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.33/Rev.1, submitted by Peru on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

23. **Mr. Muñoz** (Peru) said that Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Georgia, Germany, Guinea, Haiti, India, Kenya, Liberia, Liechtenstein,

Montenegro, Morocco, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka and United Republic of Tanzania wished to join the list of sponsors.

24. *Draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.33/Rev.1 was adopted.*

Agenda item 21: Globalization and interdependence (*continued*)

Draft resolution entitled "Promoting the efficiency, accountability, effectiveness and transparency of public administration by strengthening supreme audit institutions" (A/C.2/66/L.16/Rev.1)

25. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.16/Rev.1, submitted by Austria on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

26. **Mr. Brandstätter** (Austria), observing that building strong institutions was a central challenge of development, and that in particular supreme audit institutions played a critical role by helping to promote efficient, transparent and accountable government, said that Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Croatia, Cuba, Eritrea, France, Georgia, Guinea, Haiti, Iceland, Kenya, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Micronesia (Federated States of), Montenegro, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Sierra Leone wished to join the list of sponsors.

27. *Draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.16/Rev.1 was adopted.*

28. **Mr. Nkombela** (South Africa) said that the draft resolution marked a milestone in the promotion of transparent and accountable use of public funds and hence in the fight against corruption. He welcomed increased cooperation with the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions whose Governing Board was currently chaired by the Attorney-General of South Africa.

Agenda item 24: Operational activities for development (*continued*)

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system (*continued*)

Draft resolutions on operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/C.2/66/L.6 and A/C.2/66/L.54)

29. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.54, submitted by Mr. Yohanna (Nigeria), Vice-Chair of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.6. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

30. *Draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.54 was adopted.*

31. **Mr. Suárez Salvia** (Argentina), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, said that draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.6, with its fuller enunciation of principles, would have been preferable to the draft resolution just adopted. However, the Group of 77 and China had decided to join the consensus on what had become a purely procedural text as the issues involved could be expected to be taken up in the context of the forthcoming quadrennial comprehensive policy review. He stressed the universal, voluntary, neutral and multilateral nature of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system and the flexible response they provided to the differing needs of programme countries. Core resources continued to be the bedrock of those activities and must not be replaced by non-core funding.

32. *Draft resolution A/C.2/66.L.6 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 25: Agriculture development and food security (*continued*)

Draft resolution entitled "International Year of Quinoa, 2013" (A/C.2/66/L.19/Rev.1)

33. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.19/Rev.1, entitled "International Year of Quinoa", submitted by the Plurinational State of Bolivia on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications. Brazil, Cuba, Guyana, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Liberia had joined the list of sponsors.

34. **Mr. Archondo** (Plurinational State of Bolivia) said that the celebration of 2013 as the "International Year of Quinoa" should promote the cultivation of quinoa, which would not only benefit producing countries but also contribute to the global fight against hunger.

35. *Draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.19/Rev.1 was adopted.*

Draft resolution entitled "International Year of Family Farming, 2014" (A/C.2/66/L.20/Rev.1)

36. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.20/Rev.1, submitted by the Philippines on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications. Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brunei Darussalam, Colombia, Cuba, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Spain, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan and Vanuatu had joined the list of sponsors.

37. **Mr. De Vega** (Philippines) said that the Spanish-language version of the resolution had omitted the references to smallholder farming contained in the fifth and sixth preambular paragraphs of the other language versions. The Spanish-language version would therefore need to be brought into line with the other language versions.

38. *Draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.20/Rev.1, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

Agenda item 29: People's empowerment and a peace-centric development model (*continued*)

Draft resolutions entitled "People's empowerment and development" (A/C.2/66/L.40 and A/C.2/66/L.56)

39. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.56, submitted by Mr. Donckel (Luxembourg), Vice-Chair of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.40. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

40. *Draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.56 was adopted.*

41. *Draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.40 was withdrawn.*

The meeting rose at 4.25 p.m.